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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of: |) | |
| TOSHIKAZU YANAI ET AL. | : | Examiner: Not Yet Known |
| Appln. No.: 08/994,642 |) | |
| | : | Group Art Unit: 2712 |
| Filed: December 19, 1997 |) | |
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| For: IMAGE PICKUP DEVICE |) | May 14, 1998 |

The Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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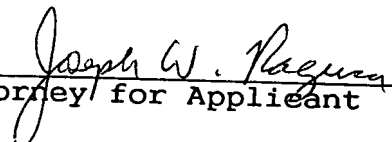
Applicants hereby claim priority under the International Convention and all rights to which they are entitled under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based upon the following Japanese Priority Application:

8-341753 filed on December 20, 1996

A certified copy of the priority document is enclosed.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 758-2400. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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